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Mr. David Smith  
Chief, Wetlands Regulatory Office  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
75 Hawthorne St.  
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Information on the Santa Cruz River, Pima County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have enclosed two reports that you may find useful in your deliberations regarding the navigability of the Santa Cruz River, in Pima County, Arizona.

The first is a U.S. Corps of Engineers document on the hydrology of the Santa Cruz River which was developed during a Environmental Impact Statement on a proposed project within the riverbed, called Paseo de las Iglesias. This report was completed in July 2005.

The second report was developed by the Arizona Geological Service during the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality adjudication hearing on navigability. This report was completed in July 1999.

Both documents detail the hydrologic connection between the Santa Cruz River and the Gila River. It was the City of Tucson's intention to submit these documents to the Corps of Engineers to assist them in their navigability determination. However, we received these documents late in the process.

After learning that the EPA was reviewing the issue, I contacted Marjorie Blaine of the local COE office, and she provided your address and suggested that you might find the enclosed documents useful.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Project Coordinator

Enclosures

cc: Sarah Beloshapka, Ecoplan Associates  
Marjorie Blaine, US Corps of Engineers